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[1](#)1. (U) Bahraini prosecutors announced to media February 5 that they would appeal to increase the 1-year sentence handed down the previous day against convicted Sunni terrorist financier Adel Saleh (ref A).

[1](#)2. (SBU) CDA expressed concern with the light sentence to FM Khalid bin Ahmad February 10. Shaikh Khalid agreed that a heavier penalty was needed if Bahrain was to deter extremists. Similarly, Chief Prosecutor Nawaf Al Mouada told A/DCM February 12 the judges' decision was "disappointing" and the GOB wanted "a much stronger sentence." Al Mouada believed the prosecution could make a good case on appeal for a longer sentence, but would not speculate on the outcome.

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